

Vets ID Card Service Returns to Twin Ports Clinic December 1st

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Very good news for Duluth/northern Minnesota veterans. Beginning December 1st, official veterans I.D. cards will again be available through the Twin Ports Outpatient Clinic in Superior.

The word came late last week in response to my letter to Veterans Administration Secretary Robert McDonald explaining the hardship many vets – particularly those with low incomes or disabilities – face in traveling to Minneapolis or St. Cloud to obtain the official I.D. card they have earned in service to our nation. Many of the vets who attended our Veterans Roundtables over the summer urged me to look into the situation, and I'm pleased to have initiated a quick and permanent solution.

The I.D. service had been eliminated from Twin Ports as part of a budget-cutting move. However the V.A. funding bill I supported – which Congress passed earlier this year – contained increases to ensure that veterans in rural areas have wide ranging access to local medical care and services like the I.D. card.

Beginning December 1st, veterans can go to the Twin Ports Clinic to get their pictures taken and complete the necessary forms. V.A. staff from the Twin Cities will travel to the clinic at least quarterly and more often if warranted to process the cards. While not required for V.A. health care, the card is necessary for many other benefits and services veterans receive for their honorable service.

Click [here](#) to read KBJR's coverage of this accomplishment for our vets.